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TO:	All Sponsors of National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs County Superintendents of Schools Diocesan Superintendents of Schools	ISSUE DATE: March 2000
ATTENTION:	Food Service Directors	
FROM:	School Nutrition Programs Unit	
SUBJECT:	Proposed Rule on Alternatives to Standard Application and Meal Counting Procedures	
REFERENCE:	7 CFR Part 245, Public Laws 103-448, 104-193, and 105-336	

This management bulletin transmits the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) proposal to amend regulations governing the alternative meal claiming procedures known as Provisions 2 and 3. Provisions 1 and 2 are already standard claiming alternative practices. This rule will allow extensions of Provision 2 and codify the newest alternative, Provision 3. There are no changes to Provision 1. The purpose of this bulletin is to give interested persons an opportunity to participate in the rule making prior to the adoption of the final rule.

Generally, schools must annually collect applications from the households of enrolled children and determine their eligibility for free or reduced price meals. They must also count the number of free, reduced price, and paid meals at the point of service on a daily basis in order to claim federal reimbursement.

In an effort to reduce paperwork at the local level, Congress has recognized three alternative claiming provisions. Provisions 1, 2, and 3 allow schools to extend eligibility determinations from one year to subsequent years.

To be assured of USDA consideration, comments must be postmarked no later than **April 7, 2000**, and submitted to:

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